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Claims 2-12, 14, 15, 17-24, 26, and 27 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 13, 16, 25, and 28 were previously canceled.


Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of claims 2-12 and 17-24.

Claims 14, 15, 26, and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,690,670 B1 to Castellano ("Castellano") in view of U.S. Patent Application No. 2004/0202179 A1 to Tan ("Tan") and U.S. Patent No. 5,621,913 A to Tuttle ("Tuttle"). Claims 14, 15, 26, and 27 have been canceled by this amendment.

Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully request notice to that effect.

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